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Dr. Höttl, an Accomplice of Eichmann's in Committing Criminal Acts in Hungary, is "Hiding" in Austria

Eichmann's testimony will cause much worry not only to the Nazis who are in the limelight, but also to those who cautiously stay in the background, though take an active part in the tangling up of the torn network of the fascist plot. The importance of the Eichmann trial is not negligible from the point of view that it may direct the world's attention on the Nazis in hiding and their relations with various government organs.

In Hungary the Hungarian references of the Eichmann case are being collected and worked up. The bloody events had many participants who succeeded in getting away with impunity and today too they play an active part in the public life of West Germany, Austria and other Western countries.

One of the most sinister figures active here in Hungary was Dr. Georg Wilhelm Höttl, Sturmabführer. He did not have to pay for his criminal deeds. His activity in Hungary was mentioned at the Nuremberg Trial, as he took an active part in the preparations for Hungary's occupation by the Nazis and co-operated with Eichmann in the deportation of Hungarian Jews. He was one of the main supporters of Szálasi, as he was dissatisfied with the "cautious conduct" of the Horthy set.

Eichmann, Kovak, Höttl and many other Nazi leaders who committed excesses in Hungary were of Austrian origin. We do not want to deduct any conclusions from this fact, still it belongs to the general picture. While Dr. Höttl was described by Winckelmann as excessively ferocious in his dealings in Hungary, this did not prevent him from building up relations with Allen Dulles, the American espionage boss, then staying in Switzerland. This shows not only Höttl's foresight, but also A. Dulles's flexibility.

The Budapest Municipal Court issued a warrant against Höttl and the Hungarian authorities made steps in Austria to have him extradited. These have so far remained unsuccessful, although the extradition request contains his whereabouts: Altaussee-Pusen 38, Austria.

The judicial organs under the leadership of the Austrian social democrats seem to be rather difficult in these matters. Though, this is not so in all cases. For instance, Novak was caught in 24 hours after the warrant issued against him by the West-German authorities. Is it possible that West-German is better understood in Austria than our language? Of course, their clumsiness may have other reasons as well.

We do not believe it is in Austria's interest that this impression should spread in the world's public opinion.

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